



CAVE TOUR INFORMATION



NOVEMBER 2007 – MARCH 2008

Tours are conducted by trained guides and are conducted at a leisurely pace. The guides encourage questions.

A light jacket is recommended and comfortable walking shoes with tread soles are encouraged
(Some trail surfaces may be wet and slick.)

ALL CAVE TICKETS ARE SOLD AT THE WELCOME CENTER

X-CAVE STARTS PROMPTLY IN FRONT OF THE WELCOME CENTER AND IS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF THE WELCOME CENTER.

CASCADE CAVE TICKET SALES STOP 15 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE TOUR.
CASCADE CAVE TOURS STARTS PROMPTLY FROM CASCADE CAVE AREA PARKING LOT. ALL CASCADE CAVE TOURS REQUIRE A SHORT DRIVE. TRANSPORTATION IS NOT PROVIDED TO THE CAVE.

ADMISSION FEES:

UNDER 3 YEARS, FREE WITH A GUARDIAN

**CASCADE CAVE TOURS: \$8.00 - 13 YEARS & ABOVE
\$4.00 3-12 YEARS**

**X CAVE TOURS: \$6.00 - 13 YEARS & ABOVE
\$3.00 - 3-12 YEARS**

DIRECTIONS TO CASCADE CAVE

Cascade Cave is 3.1 miles from the Welcome Center. Turn left out of the parking lot. Turn right at the first stop sign onto Route 182. Travel 2 ½ miles and turn right on Route 209. The parking lot is .6 miles ahead on the left.

ALL CAVES WITHIN THE PARK ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC EXCEPT THROUGH GUIDED TOURS OR BY AN ACTIVITY PERMIT. AN ACTIVITY PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR VISITS TO LAUREL CAVE & HORN HOLLOW CAVE WITHIN THE PARK. LAUREL CAVE IS CLOSED FROM SEPTEMBER THROUGH APRIL DUE TO THE ENDANGERED INDIANA BAT. THESE TWO CAVES ARE THE ONLY CAVES THAT CAN BE ACCESSED BY AN ACTIVITY PERMIT. ENTRY INTO ANY OTHER CAVES IS AGAINST THE LAW. BY LAW, YOU MUST BE OUT OF THESE CAVES BY THE WELCOME CENTERS CLOSING TIME. THESE LAWS ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED. AN ACTIVITY PERMIT MAY BE OBTAINED AT THE WELCOME CENTER. PEOPLE IMPROPERLY EQUIPPED WILL NOT BE ISSUED A PERMIT. FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO VIOLATE THIS POLICY.

TOUR SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

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X-CAVE

X-cave has two vertical joint passages that meander through a large layer of limestone which puts you up-close to many beautiful cave speleothem. Some of the highlighted features include turkey rock, the pipe organ, and the giant column which is the largest cave formation found at the park. Be aware of your surroundings and you will discover how this cave became known as “X-Cave.” Tour meets in front of the Welcome Center. Tours are available year-round.

-SCHEDULE-

DAILY: 9:30AM, 1:00PM, 4:30PM

WALKING DISTANCE: ABOUT 1/4 MILE.

DURATION: ABOUT 45 MINUTES.

TEMPERATURE: 45-70 DEGREES (VARIABLE).

DIFFICULTY: ROUTE INCLUDES ABOUT 75 STAIR-STEPS THROUGH NARROW PASSAGES; SOME STOOPING, ELECTRICALLY LIT.

CASCADE CAVE

Cascade Cave is one of the largest of over 200 caves in Carter County and is noted for its large chambers and numerous cave formations. Highlights of the tour include the reflecting pool in the Lake Room, the unique speleothems in the Cathedral Room, and an underground waterfall over 30 feet high. A short drive is required. Tour meets at Cascade area parking lot. Tickets must be purchased at least 15 minutes prior to the tour. Tours are available year-round.

-SCHEDULE-

DAILY: 10:30AM, 2:30PM

WALKING DISTANCE: ABOUT 3/4 MILE.

DURATION: ABOUT 1 HOUR, 15 MINUTES

TEMPERATURE: 50-60 DEGREES (VARIABLE)

DIFFICULTY: ROUTE INCLUDES ABOUT 225 STAIRSTEPS THROUGH THE CAVE; EASY WALKING, ELECTRICALLY LIT